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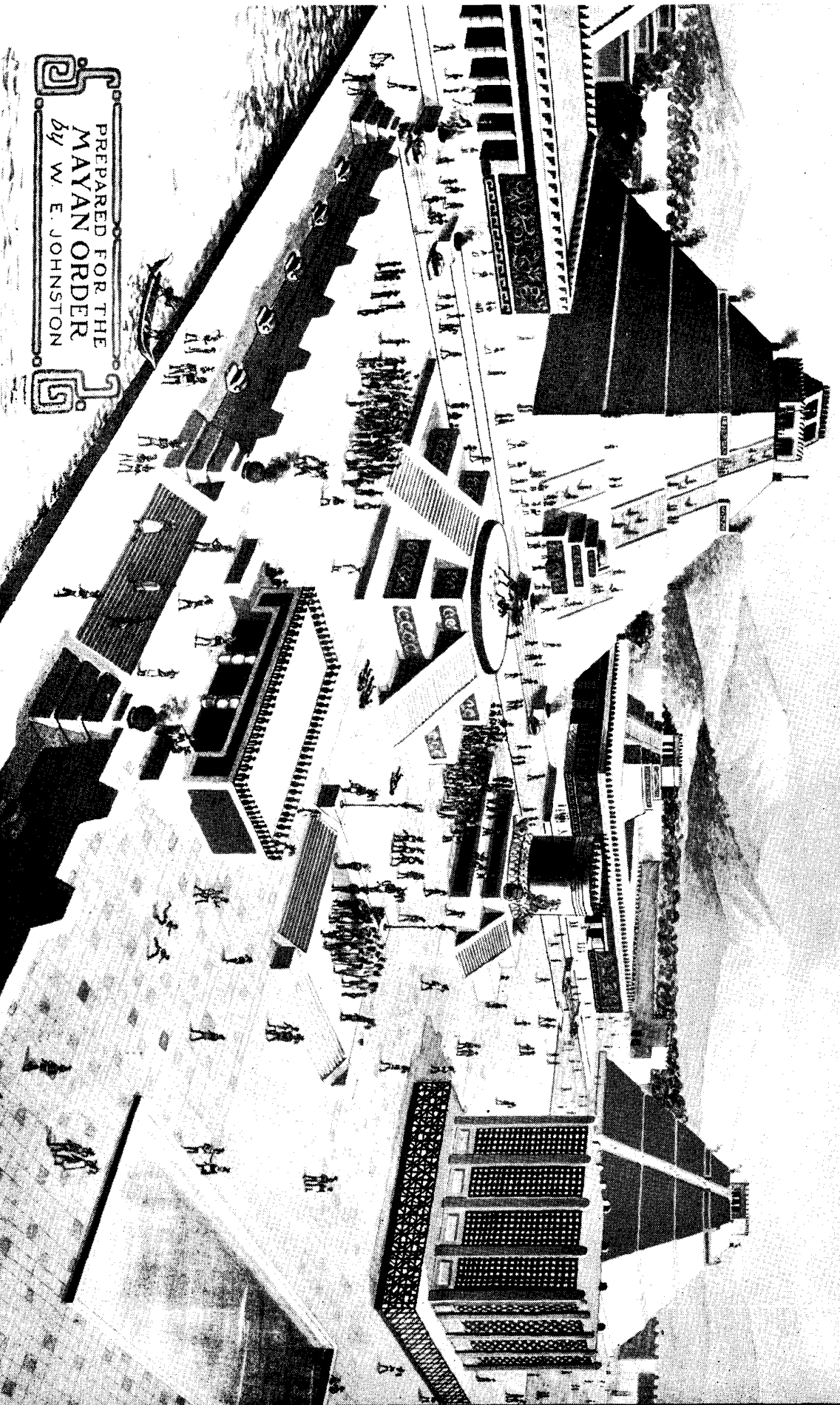
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A RECONSTRUCTION OF ONE OF AMERICA'S ANCIENT GREAT CITIES

This scene was prepared for The Mayan Order by W. E. Johnston. It is historically accurate both as to the shape and size of these ancient structures and as to the decorative features of the buildings. This is the site of the present day Presidential Palace in Mexico City. Excavations made under the directions of our Grand Master, P. T. Koran, in 1936 near the Palace discovered and brought to light the bases of some of these very structures. This ancient city stood until as recent times as

the year 1521 when it was destroyed utterly by the Spanish invaders under Cortez.

Carnegie Institute is at the present time reconstructing the Mayan City of Chichen Itza at a cost of several millions of dollars. The city pictured here was the Aztec Capitol, but the construction in general followed Mayan Architecture.

THE SECOND REVELATION

DEVELOPING MAJOR AIMS FOR THE REALIZATION OF DESIRES

*B*ELOVED COMPANION:

The development of major aims has brought to the people of America, and other highly-advanced nations, great improvement in hygiene, in physics, in architecture, in medicine, in psychology, in art, in warfare, in economics, and in government. These nations today have wonderful Universities and gigantic astronomical observatories for studying "other worlds". Our newspapers tell of weird scientific laboratories where death itself is being explored - where "dead" men are brought back to life. "This is modern genius", we say, "and we can well be proud. Never before has man been so wise."

But, could this have been before?

Some have never even heard of a group of men called The Maya, who established an Empire in America 10,000 years ago. Most members, however, will have heard of the marvelous and dramatic discoveries that have been made in recent years. The rest may hazily recall stories of Montezuma and Cortez - stories of houses built of gold and lined with precious emeralds and diamonds - stories of "heathen" sun worshipers - and human sacrifices. The lies of the adventurers who murdered a non-resistant nation in their lust for gold and conquest are today all that most people know of a civilization in some respects superior to our own, and in almost every respect more advanced than any nation of their time.

Once upon a time, thousands of years ago, in America, there were many tremendous Cities, of countless wealth. They were inhabited by an intelligent people who, as a race, may well have been our superiors. They were possessed of a government that had solved the social problem to such a point that none need work more than three or four hours a week. Their rulers were Scientists as well as Princes, Priests as well as Lawmakers.

When we say cities, we do not mean a mere collection of wigwams or straw hovels. The Cities of the time of which we speak were built of stone and cement; the streets were paved. The artistic unity of all the buildings has never been equalled since in America, although extremely Modern Architecture today is attempting it. The Cities of which we speak contained "skyscrapers" and were connected with other cities by highly-improved, paved, thirty-foot-wide cement roads, some of which still exist today. We have walked upon the ruins of those that stand today.

In your next Revelation-Lesson, more will be told to you of the Ancient Mayans and their culture, and of how all that you learn of their achievements can be applied to your own life, to bring greater peace, happiness, and success; so let us continue here with the highly important matter of developing your major aims:

Everybody wants SUCCESS - no matter whether it is material, financial, social, spiritual, or concerning one's health. Speak to a dozen people on the street and ask them, "Do you want to be successful?" All would give you a startled look and perhaps reply, "Sure, I want to be successful!"

But - if you examine them further, and ask what they are DOING to become successful, you will find that not one in a hundred is really doing anything that would ever merit him success.

Furthermore, if you were to inquire of the average person what he would have to attain, accomplish or achieve to consider himself a success, you would get only vague answers. You would discover that hardly anyone has any definite idea, or knows exactly, what he wants.

Your Instructor knows that this is true because for more than twenty-five years we have been engaged in the task of advising people. Those who think that they know what they want usually don't really want what they think they do at all! They just never gave any deep thought to the question of what they wanted from life. How, then, can they ever expect to get the things they desire if they do not KNOW what those things are?

One may want a home of his own - another, a new car - and still another wants "lots of money". An artist wants recognition for his paintings - a farmer wants a good crop - an elderly lady, all alone in the world, wants to pay off the mortgage on her home - a young man wants a sweetheart who will be faithful and true - a young wife wants her husband to stop drinking and settle down.

Yet, among them all there is one wish expressed that occurs oftener than all the others - the idea that success is to be measured in terms of money - the desire for money.

Now, a desire for material wealth is all right. It may be just as worthy a wish as many others. The trouble is that when this wish is clearly analyzed, nine times out of ten THE GETTING OF MONEY IS NOT THE MAJOR AIM. The money is wanted only to get something else! Then, why not be more direct? Take better aim! Go after the REAL OBJECTIVE!

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Now, to go after your real objective, you must first discover WHAT IT IS THAT YOU WANT MOST IN LIFE. You must do this for yourself. You must decide what it is that, when you attain it, will mean the most to you in ultimate SUCCESS, HAPPINESS and PROSPERITY.

Do this now: WRITE DOWN A LIST OF THE THINGS YOU WANT MOST. After you complete that list, go over it carefully. Check each desire against these questions:

1. Do I REALLY desire it?
2. Do I feel, deep within myself, that I am ENTITLED to it?
3. Am I willing to WORK and SACRIFICE to attain it?
4. Do I want it strongly enough to make the attainment of it a MAJOR AIM?

Now apply these four test questions to each single item on your list. Then cross out those you cannot answer with a "yes". Unless you can write "yes" at least three times after applying the above four test questions to each of the things you want on your list, then it is not likely that you will succeed in getting those things. You don't REALLY want them anyway, so cross them out!

What now remain are your MAJOR AIMS - your DEFINITE OBJECTIVES. Write them down on a card or a sturdy piece of paper and put it beside your bed, or the mirror that you use when dressing. Put it anywhere where you will see it OFTEN. And above all, READ IT SEVERAL TIMES EVERY DAY - EVERY DAY!

MOST IMPORTANT: Think about the objectives you have written on the card - the last thing before dropping off to sleep at night, and the first thing upon awakening every morning, as you prepare for the new day's activities.

YOU ARE TO CONCENTRATE UPON THESE THINGS.

THEY ARE TO BECOME THE MAJOR MOTIVATION IN YOUR LIFE.

Concentrate purposefully. Do not worry about your aims. Do not wonder HOW they are going to be brought about. But, as the days go by, bend every effort to HELP THEM TO COME ABOUT. Leave nothing undone to ASSIST THEM TO MATERIALIZE IN YOUR LIFE!

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You are now working with a GOD-POWER that has been placed in Man by his Creator. It is a Power that is fully capable of bringing you every good thing you are worthy to receive. Work in harmony with that Power by overlooking no right opportunity to bring your aims into fullest realization.

This is God's greatest gift to man. He gave it not only to man but to all of Nature. But only man has failed to make fullest use of it. Man insists on dependence on his own powers alone. Instead and henceforth, YOU ARE TO LEARN TO USE GOD-POWER TO FULFILL YOUR WANTS.

God placed His Power at your disposal to use. USE IT! It can bring you ANYTHING you are worthy to receive!



At this point I ask that you read no further now, but re-read the above at least once more, and follow the directions given, explicitly. Then, continue later with exercise Number One, which follows:

EXERCISE NUMBER ONE

DO THIS: Go now to your mirror. Study yourself frankly. Look deeply into your eyes. Try to visualize, very truthfully, what sort of person you would like to be.

While standing before your mirror, analyze the thoughts that flicker through your mind - that seem to reveal themselves through your eyes. Spend some time before your mirror - not in vanity - but in study of yourself. Try to decide what sort of person you would like to be - really want to be. Get a clear image in mind of the person you intend to be.

MAKE THE IMAGE IN YOUR MIND AS DEFINITE AS POSSIBLE, BECAUSE THAT IS THE IMAGE WE ARE GOING TO BRING INTO REALITY - AND IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH YOUR CHOSEN AIMS.

Let nothing - absolutely nothing - keep you from following through with what you have started. YOU CAN BECOME WHAT YOU WANT TO BE!

Please review the above exercise frequently - and perform it nightly, for at least seven nights, before retiring.

"Jesus said unto him, 'No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom ...'" - Luke 9:62.

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IMAGINATION

The KEY to CREATING

Were it possible to transmit this instruction to you verbally on long-playing records - "talking books" - with suitable musical background, parts of it would be like a symphony of the spheres - the divine harmony of the Universe - for part of it would speak of the needless sufferings of Man, as a mother's lullaby soothes her helpless baby. Parts of it would sound like the jangled nerves and the hectic struggles of modern cities and their commerce. In parts of it, you would hear the quiet peace of a secure home in the countryside. In parts of it you would hear the strong, moody throbbing of the deep jungles and the primeval swamp. But over all, governing it, tempering it, harmonizing it, would be the one theme -

God is All. All is God.
Om Mani Padme Hum.

But it is not possible to send your instructions in this manner, so if you are to hear the music of this background, my Companion in Mayanry, you must supply it. It is simple to do and you will find it a good exercise for your imagination, a source of additional inspiration for your thoughts, and a means in itself of development.

Try to place yourself in my mood as you read and you are bound to have revealed to you much beyond what I have written. When you succeed in doing that, you are really learning, for then we are attuned.

For hundreds of years men have read the Bible. Yet few, very few, have had more than an inkling of its message. If proud Science had listened to its voice, many "new" discoveries would have been known long ago. Its story is not

completely told yet. Scientists of today can find explanations there of principles not yet imagined. How many will you discover? How much will you learn? How much, dear friend, will you understand? You alone must decide that by the degree of your application.

In our studies, try to place yourself in my mood - think with me. Don't be content with my words - think with me as we journey through these studies together. In that way we may become attuned both mentally and spiritually, so that you may know my thoughts even though they are not written in words. For there are many places and many things that we shall come to in our journey that cannot be expressed in words.

IMAGINATION - the Power of Imagination! It is the key to unlock the higher mental faculties. The inventor imagines his invention before he starts to make it. The musician, the poet, the builder - all those who advance themselves in the race of man - receive their revelations through the ability to imagine something that in their experience was not in existence before. Some psychologists to the contrary - Imagination, slowly, step by step, brings into being every new thing revealed and created by man.

As the first exercise for the development of your Thought, Feeling, and Imagination, try to place yourself in the mood I shall describe. See with me what I see, hear what I hear, for Imagination is as much a mental faculty as Thought itself! It is, in fact, the highest of the faculties. Read the lines of the following quotation slowly, several times, and FEEL the mood with me:

EXERCISE NUMBER TWO

"Midnight, strange mystic hour,
When the veil between the frail present
and the Eternal future grows thin."

It is midnight ... I am alone in my study ... Only the one light on my desk is burning in this whole building ... I have just finished the day's activities. As my tired brain relaxes ... slowly, very slowly, I become conscious of gentle music. It is coming from my radio nearby. Someone has turned it on ... softly ... to remind me that there is a time for rest as well as work. I hear the faint strains of a distant organ, playing beautiful hymns ... somewhere far away ... in some distant city where sits an organist at his console. He is an artist and his music is lovely to hear ... so gentle ... so soothing ... so peaceful ...

In my mind I see him, sitting alone in a darkened studio with only a small light shining on the divine music before him ... I see his skillful fingers pressing on the keys and manipulating the organ stops. His face is calm ... and kind ... and thoughtful ...

Thought ... the years of thought and striving and straining and trying ... the sacrifices and the hurts ... the weeping a little, and the joys ... all went into the making of that artist of the organ who sits in that distant city tonight, making restful, peaceful music for those who will listen.

Thought ... the music imprisoned in the notes on the sheet music before

him. The hurts and the trials and the joys and the sorrows the composer of that music must have known. The years of struggle ... the barbs and wounds ... and the wisdom ... all went into the writing of those notes.

Thought ... the engineers who built the radio station that transmits this music ... the architect who built this towering building in which my organist sits tonight ... all is Thought ... from the first crude plans to the finished blueprint ... from the first shaping and gathering of the materials to the finished structure ... every brick that was laid required deep Thought. This building stands in the midst of a great city ... thousands of other buildings ... millions of deep Thoughts ... brick upon brick ... Thought upon Thought.

Now my mind seems to follow the radio beam. With the speed of light we travel over thousands of other cities ... each representing the same great force ... Thought.

I am back in my study now but my appreciation of this musician seems greater. It is as though only he and I are awake in all this continent. It is as though, at one and the same time, he is here in my study with me and I in his far-away studio with him ... as though only his light and my light are burning tonight ... Thought.

ALL IS THOUGHT ... THOUGHT IS ALL.



SUPPLEMENTAL THOUGHTS

THE UNREALITY OF THE "REAL"

Man - you are made in four parts: Spirit, Soul, Mind and Body. And the least of these is Body. Body is the only part that is physical (mortal). The physical Body, held by physical laws and limitations, must perish - but the MOST of you, the other three parts, never die. They are Eternal (immortal). They are not held by physical laws or limitations after the physical Body is gone - and only to a limited extent while it is here.

Man - the greater part of your world is invisible to your physical sense of sight. You may climb the highest mountain, go up in the highest jet, but you can only see a small part of this earth at one time. Most of it is invisible, regardless of the height to which you ascend, or the position you occupy on it. True, you may go to various places and eventually see almost all of the surface of the earth, but still the greater part of the earth is invisible to you because you are only seeing the surface. The greatest heights man has reached in the stratosphere and the deepest depths of the ocean that he has sounded represent a thickness of the earth's surface equal to less than the thickness of the thinnest apple peel compared to the whole apple. You can never see all that is inside the earth. Only the thinnest peel of its surface skin has been pricked. Only a small portion is visible.

Man - the greater part of YOU is invisible. True, your physical Body can

be seen. It can even be dissected. Its parts can be examined under a microscope. Your skull can be opened and your brain examined. But no man has ever seen your Mind ... or your Spirit ... or your Soul. Yet, each of these parts of you is more wonderful, more complex and more important than that wonderful mechanism, your Body. Only a small portion of YOU is visible.

The ancient Mayans of two thousands years ago symbolized these four parts of Man's Being as the four winds. The North Wind was Spirit -- courage -- energy. The South Wind was Body - the physical appetites -- luxury. The East Wind was Soul. The West Wind was Mind.

Heaven - Earth - Air - Water are reflected within our Being as Soul - Body - Spirit - Mind.

Let us sum up:

You are made in four parts. Only one part, Body, is visible and can be touched, so it seems real; however, it will undergo the change we call "death" and disappear from view (it is mortal). The other three parts, Spirit, Soul and Mind, have never changed and will never change throughout eternity (are immortal) and, therefore, are the real YOU.

It is strange, isn't it? We are inclined to think of substance as something material, visible, and "substantial" in the physical sense; whereas, in reality, it is the opposite. The physical part of you is the least substantial. We say, "I cannot repeat her exact words but I will give you the substance of what she said" - that is, "I will give you the meaning of what she said." (In other words, the nucleus - the heart - the soul of her statement, rather than the actual words she used in her meaning.) Words are used to express the meaning. Body is used to express the Soul; but Soul, not Body, is the substance.

Your Mind is not held captive in your Brain. Brain is only the Switch-board of the Body. Mind actuates the Brain as the Brain actuates the Bodily movements. Mind is the director of the activities of Spirit, Soul and Body.

Your Spirit is not held captive in your Body. Spirit is the life energy. When the Spirit leaves, science says the Body is dead, but under certain circumstances, which we will discuss more fully later in these discourses, the Spirit can be brought back, the Body re-animated. For the present, think of the Spirit merely as vital energy. Think of all energy as Spirit and all Spirit as energy.

Your Soul is not held captive in your Body. Soul is the substance, the "non-material" substance, of which your Being is made - not your Body but your real Being. It extends outward, beyond your physical Body. Just as the invisible atmosphere of the earth extends outward into space through various degrees of density, so does your Soul extend outward from the very heart of you.

Of these parts of your Being, the Mind is the most free. It trains the memory departments, or reflexes, of the Brain to carry on their functions of caring for the Body, and the Mind is free to go on pursuits of its own. Its most ready vehicle is the Imagination. On the wings of Imagination you can, in your Mind, travel around the world in an instant. After the change called death - when the shedding of your grosser physical body is accomplished - your entire Being

moves in this manner. You are free from the limitations of Time and Space that control all in physical existence. Any desire you conceive is instantly fulfilled.

Mystics living today have mastered part of this ability while remaining on this physical plane. They have learned the art of leaving the physical Body behind and moving wherever they desire without it. These things also will be studied by you in later developments.

The Mind is the most free of all the parts of your Being. In ordinary conversation with other persons, your Mind meets theirs and if all goes well, it becomes en rapport, or in sympathetic relation, with their Minds. This condition can also be accomplished without conversation, even without seeing the other person, and sometimes without his Conscious knowledge. It is possible to influence others in the same manner. Later lessons will show how this occurs.

Study these things until your next lessons arrive. Read this Revelation-Lesson, and your first Revelation-Lesson, several times. In them is food for great Thought. Within them lie the basic Truths upon which all else must be built. Read - study - meditate - absorb them well so that your foundation will be well laid and you will be ready for what is to follow.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you always - -

Amen.

Your next Mayan Revelation-Lesson includes the following subjects: Fear-The Absence of Faith; The Law of Change; Time and Space; Life and Death; In His Image; The Power of The Word; The Revelation Principle; The Garden of Eden; "I Came That They May Have Life"; Increasing Your Store; Knowledge; At the Fork in the Trail; Mental Muscles; That Which is Called Luck; Success Made Sure; A "Supernatural" Demonstration; and That "Power" Within You.

EXERCISE NUMBER THREE

(Note: This exercise and subsequent exercises are not intended strictly as examinations but as forms of self-expression, of benefit to yourself and as indications to enable us to judge whether you are understanding the Revelation-Lessons completely. Ordinarily no reply will be made but these tests will be analyzed and recorded.)

Fill out after your final reading of this Revelation-Lesson. Write Yes or No in the small blanks.

1. Did you succeed in feeling the mood of the writer as you read the quotation "Midnight - strange mystic hour, etc."? _____
2. Could you seem to see in your Mind's eye the things I described? _____
3. Could you, in your Imagination, hear the music? _____
4. Do you realize the creative powers of Imagination? _____
5. Do you fully realize that all music, all poetry, all inventions, all the advance the human race has made, first occurred through the faculty of Imagination? _____
6. Do you believe in eternal life (Immortality)? _____
7. Do you understand the unreality of the "Real"? _____
8. Do you understand the invisibility of the greater part of your Being? _____
9. Do you realize the importance of your physical life on the physical plane even though it is only a small part of your eternal life? _____
10. Would you use the ability to influence others - if you gain it - for good purposes? _____

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